EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1.   An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes

and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided

by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be

submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview

with Richard Gregson (#41,804) on 10/17/2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

Claim 2. (Currently Amended) A data processing system ~~according to claim 1~~

~~further~~ comprising:

a. a first client work station for entering a first transaction request, wherein said

first transaction request has a first one of a plurality of protocols;

b. an enterprise server for responding to said first transaction request using an

enterprise protocol which is not one of said plurality of protocols;

c. a second client work station for entering a second transaction request wherein

said second transaction request has a second one of said plurality of protocols which is

different from said first one of said plurality of protocols responsively coupled to said

enterprise server via said digital communication network;

d. a generic gateway interposed between said first user terminal and said

enterprise server and between said second user terminal and said enterprise server

which responsively couples said first client work station and said second client work

station to said enterprise server by converting said first one and said second one of said

plurality of protocols to said enterprise protocol; and

a plurality of adapters interposed between said generic gateway and said first

client work station and said second client work station which responsively couples said

first client work station to said generic gateway via a first one of said plurality of

adapters which corresponds to said first one of said plurality of protocols and which

responsively couples said second client work station to said generic gateway via a

second one of said plurality of adapters which corresponds to said second one of said

plurality of protocols.

Claim 3. (Previously presented) A data processing system according to claim 2

wherein said digital communication network further comprises the Internet.

Claim 4. (Previously presented) A data processing system according to claim 3

further comprising a Server housing said generic gateway and providing a middleware

environment.

Claim 5. (Previously presented) A data processing system according to claim 4

wherein said first client work station further comprises a personal computer and wherein

said first one of said plurality of protocols utilizes Visual Basic language.

Claims 6-16. (Canceled)

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) An apparatus ~~according to claim 16 further~~

comprising:

a. first generating means for generating a first service request using a first one of

a plurality of protocols;

b. second generating means for generating a second service request using a second and different one of a plurality of protocols;

c. transferring means responsively coupled to said generating means for transferring said first service request and said second service request via a digital data network;

d. adapting means responsively coupled to said digital data network for adapting said first service request and said second service request to a standardized protocol using a different one of a plurality of adapters to convert said first service request and and second service request;

e. processing means responsively coupled to said adapting means for processing said first service request and said second service request via a generic gateway; and

f. connecting means responsively coupled to said processing means for transferring said first service request and said second service request to an end service provider via a plurality of connectors.

Claim 18. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said one of said plurality of adapters corresponds to said one of said plurality of connectors.

Claim 19. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 17 wherein said digital data communication network is the Internet.

Claim 20. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 19 wherein said generating means further comprises an industry compatible personal computer

operating under a commercially available operating system and wherein said first

service request utilizes C++ language.

2.   The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The Board of

Patent Appeals and Interferences held on 10/12/2011 that Holmes failed to disclose a

plurality of adapters or a plurality of connectors.

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than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on

Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Jeffrey R. Swearingen whose telephone number is

(571)272-3921. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on 571-272-2092. The fax phone number for the

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